



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: DATA USAGE CONTROLLING  
APPARATUS THAT PREVENTS THE  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MAIN  
DATA BY UPDATING A TYPE 1  
AND A TYPE 2 KEY USED FOR  
PROTECTING THE MAIN DATA IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE OF  
THE MAIN DATA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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